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1. [REDACTED] - JGO) Ambassador Wymberley Coerr, Deputy Director, INR, State Department, called and asked for our comments on S. Res. 192. This is the Symington resolution to create a select committee on the coordination of the United States activities abroad to oversee activities of the Central Intelligence Agency. He said the Department has received a request from Senator Fulbright (D., Ark.) to provide a coordinated response. I told him that we have received a request from Senator Stennis (D., Miss.) for the Agency's views. Ambassador Coerr asked that our views be provided this afternoon or tomorrow, if possible, since the Department has a short-time suspense for their response.

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2. [REDACTED] - JGO) I talked to Mr. John Wilson, Staff Assistant to Representative Paul N. McCloskey, Jr. (R., Calif.), concerning Representative McCloskey's letter of 4 November. Mr. Wilson told me this matter is being handled by Representative McCloskey and that he had written the letter personally. In brief, I told Mr. Wilson that the Agency has no record of any such agreement or contract with Mr. Lester of Overseas Services for his services in recruiting individuals for employment in Laos. As for Representative McCloskey's request in the final paragraph concerning Agency activities, I told Mr. Wilson that this type of information is releasable only to the Chairman of the Armed Services Committee. Mr. Wilson acknowledged that his office is familiar with this fact. He will relay this information to Representative McCloskey but has no way of knowing whether the Representative will care to pursue the matter further.

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